

MINUTES
Market Street Singers Board Meeting
November 9, 2009

President Eileen Nicholson called the meeting to order at 7:05pm at the home of Elsie Simon.

Present: **Board Members:** Russ Long, Eileen Nicholson, Susanne Redalje, Kate Riordan, Eden Rivers, Elsie Simon, and Jeanne van Aalst

Guests: Members Suzy Crawley and Kathryn Minturn (considering joining the Board)

Director, Chris Vincent

M/S/C to approve the Minutes of the October 12, 2009 Board Meeting.

M/S/C to approve the Minutes of last year's Annual Meeting, held at the Senior Center, November 18, 2008.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kate Riordan reported \$2117.00 Income and \$935.00 Expenses for October, leaving a net positive balance for the month of \$1182.00.

M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's Report for October 2009.

PROPOSED BUDGET 2010: Treasurer Kate Riordan summarized the proposed 2010 Budget with Receipts of \$16,700.00 and Expenditures of \$16,365.00, leaving a positive balance of \$335. We agreed to keep the suggested member donation at \$20 per month. Also, we prefer to continue not charging for concerts. It's much easier, and perhaps some people attend who couldn't otherwise, and we still do pretty well from patron's donations.

M/S/C to approve the Annual Budget for FY 2010 as proposed.

ANNUAL MEETING PLANS, NOV. 17, 2009:

Agenda: 6:00PM start dinner; 6:30-6:45PM call meeting to order, read 2008 Minutes, elect new board members, awards, Director's comments, discussion (lead by Susanne Redalje) on how we should implement our mission. 7:30PM. Set up and begin rehearsal.

Dinner: Elsie will order pizzas - 15 in two deliveries -- from Sopranos Restaurant and request a discount. Kate will get veggie trays, beverages, cups and napkins, Eileen will bring plates.

Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards.

Director's Award:	Presented by Chris
President's Award: Irene Long	Presented by Eileen
Board Award: Sandy Sundberg	Presented by Susanne
Board Award: Brandy Rinck	Presented by Susanne
Spirit Award: John Marshall	Presented by Kate

Board members should try to get there by 5:30PM to set up.

REQUEST TO SOLICIT CHOIR MEMBERS: Ned Palmer has asked to fundraise at our Nov 10 rehearsal for pledges to his Christian Youth support group's bowling competition. We agreed to go along with Ned's request, but to establish a policy for such requests in the future. Suzy suggested a written form for such requests to be submitted to the board and she agreed to draft a policy proposal and petition format.

DECEMBER PERFORMANCES; Chris Vincent announced holiday performances at the Hearthstone and the Landmark. He asked the board's preference for attire by the choir, and we agreed to wearing personal, festive, holiday attire.

ACT THEATER PERFORMANCES, DECEMBER 6 & 13: ACT personnel will be instructing us on what we need to know and do for the performance. Regarding concessions, we agreed that we

would decline to sell items (which ACT would allow us to do) because of the food-handling requirements, plus wanting to focus our attention on the logistics of the event. We have four rehearsals left before the 6th of December.

MAY 2010 CONCERT: looking at another performance venue, The Art Church, a supposedly bigger space; likely theme - Hits of the '60's (1460, 1560, 1660, etc.,) including a Stephen Foster set, Frostiana, a Folk Song Medley, i.e. Peter, Paul & Mary, Grieg Piano Concerto. By including music before 1860 (which is in the public domain) as well as music we've previously sung, we can keep up with the escalating cost of music.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS: Irene Long will be selling mugs and T-shirts at the Annual Meeting. Chris suggested adding to end of the Board Meeting Minutes a TO DO LIST summarizing assignments we'd agreed to during the meeting.

The Board thanked Russ Long for his many years of service on the Board, as he retires from the Board and his position as Vice President.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:15PM

Respectfully,

Elsie Simon, Secretary

TO-DO REMINDER LIST:

Due Nov. 17, 2009 Annual Meeting:

Eileen Nicholson - will bring plates

Susanne Redalje - prepare for discussion.

Kate Riordan -veggie trays, beverages, cups and napkins

Kate Riordan - bring copies of 2010 Budget

Elsie Simon - make/bring copies of Nov. 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes

Elsie Simon - order delivery of pizzas

Due Jan. 11, 2010 Board Meeting:

Suzy Crawley - assemble draft policy for Requests to Solicit Funds -